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SURVEY OF URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the survey of urban areas in the country having population of more than one lakh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has provided funds to the States for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof:

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): The Government of India has launched a scheme namely National Urban Information System (NUIS) in March, 2006 with an objective to establish a comprehensive information system in the urban local bodies for planning, management and de-centralised governance in the context of provisions of scientific planning and implementation of the 74th Constitution Amendment Act (CAA). The specific objectives of the Scheme are as under:-

i) Develop attribute as well as spatial data base for various levels of urban planning and decision support to meet requirements of urban planning and management by

- Enabling preparation of Master/ Zonal plans.

- Creating a database at Local Body level for monitoring and management of at least relevant functions enlisted in the 12th schedule of 74th CAA.

- Use modern data sources such as Satellite and Aerial platforms to generate a comprehensive 3-tier GIS database in the scale of 1:10,000 for Master Plan and 1: 2,000 for detailed town planning Schemes and 1:1,000 for Utilities planning.

ii) Develop Utility mapping on a pilot basis using Ground Profiling/Penetrating Radar (GPR) technology.

iii) Integrate conventional data sources with modern data sources to develop GIS databases.

iv) Develop standards for USIS as well as NUDBI with regard to database, methodology, equipment software, data exchange format etc.

v) Develop automated integration/application techniques in GIS to provide inputs to Master/Zonal Planning and utilities management - to be utilised by the urban planners/administrators/decision makers.

vi) To create a town level repository of urban database through National Urban Databank and Indicators (NUDB&I) Unit which would also assist development of urban indicators for National Urban Observatory (NUO).

vii) Build capacity among town planning professionals in the use of modern automated methods.

viii) Decentralize data generation, storage and manipulation at various levels of planning.

In the first instance, 137 towns and cities are to be covered under NUIS Scheme. Details of such towns are given in the Annexure.

As per scheme guidelines, the expenditure on the scheme is to be borne by the Centre and the State in the ratio of 75:25.

(c)&(d): Ministry of Urban Development has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Survey of India (SOI) for data generation under the scheme on 13th March, 2006. First installment of Rs.16.24 crore has been released to SOI as Central share. The State Govt. will provide their share directly to SOI. Besides, as on 5.9.07, a sum of Rs.2.58 crore has also been released by the Ministry of Urban Development to various States for procurement of hardware and software under the scheme.